

Instructional/Pigtails Softball Rules

PreK4, Kindergarten, 1st Grade

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Participating Leagues: Warren, Basking Ridge and Somerset Hills

1. The Pigtails League is an instructional league. Coaches will pitch to the players (or use a tee) and teach them the fundamentals of the game.
2. Eligible Players: Only players who are registered with the league and are on the official team roster are allowed to play in games.
3. Games have a time limit of one hour. At the beginning of the season, half of the time should be spent providing instruction and half the time should be spent playing a game. Teams can spend the full hour playing a game as the season progresses.
4. All girls should bat each inning. The batting order should be changed each game to give each girl a chance to bat at a different slot in the batting order.
5. No balls, strikes or outs will be called.
6. Scores will not be kept and there will be no playoffs.
7. Only one player is allowed in the on-deck area at any time. Swinging of bats is only permitted in the field and in the on-deck area. Players who are in the dugout must remain behind fences at all times. No ball throwing is allowed in the dugout.

Required Apparel & Equipment:

- Helmets with a faceguard are required for each player.
- A glove is required. A soft glove that allows players to close it easily is recommended.
- 11-inch compression (softie) softballs will be used.
- Bats are not supplied by the league, but can be shared amongst the players.
- Cleats are not required, but strongly recommended for safety.